GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3195
ANSWERED ON:04.02.2004
RASH AND DRUNKEN DRIVING
MANSINH PATEL;RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether over the past decade the number of rash, negligent and drunken driving with instant deaths is comparatively higher in the age group of 21-34;

(b) whether according to Indian Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 driving with a Blood Alcohol Concentration of 30 mg in 100 ml of blood is illegal while in USA and many countries in Europe, the limit is 8 mg;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to make the law more stricter by imposing severe punishment to offenders?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN]

(a): No such specific data are collected by this Ministry.

(b): Under Section 185 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, driving or attempting to drive with alcohol concentration of 30 mg per 100 ml of blood is an offence. As per the information available in this Ministry, the limit prescribed in India under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 is stricter than that in Canada, U.K. and many other European countries.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Amendment of Motor Vehicles Act is a continuous process. The Act is amended whenever such a requirement is felt.